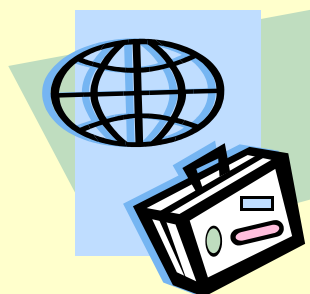




# What Travel Writers Say Newsletter

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## Outward Bound: Hopewell Rocks, NB



In tan shirt and moss green shorts, grey-haired Paul Gaudet, Manager of the Hopewell Rocks Interpretive Centre, looks fit and trim as befits someone who ambles up and down the remarkable New Brunswick rock formations, Canada's last hope in the *New7Wonders of Nature Contest* that has reduced its final selection to the top 28 competitors.

The Grand Canyon and Bay of Fundy are the two remaining vote-getters from North America, competing against the likes of Milford Sound, Kilimanjaro, the Galapagos, the Amazon and others. iPad loaded with dramatic visual displays, Paul acts like a kid at Christmas, a mere flick of his finger projecting incredible time-lapse images of all phases of the huge tide as well as historical overlays to reveal implausible erosion caused by the surging water as well as winter's relentless freeze and thaw.

"We have marvellous measuring sticks," he exclaims. "Great flower pots or sea stacks along the beach. The vertical tide varies from a couple of feet to 40 metres. It arrives

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One's destination is  
never a place but  
rather a new way of  
looking at things.

Henry Miller

## Enter our new "Toronto escape" draw!

A two-night stay (for two) courtesy of The Westin Harbour Castle with breakfast in the *Mizzen!* The Harbour Castle is a landmark waterfront hotel in vibrant downtown Toronto on Lake Ontario near major attractions including the Air Canada Centre, CN Tower, and Toronto's financial and theatre districts. This CAA/AAA Four Diamond Award hotel is less than 30 minutes from Lester B. Pearson International Airport. Once inside, marvel at the spacious marble lobby with floor to ceiling windows and a casual elegance throughout.

Enjoy the WestinWORKOUT® Gym, outdoor tennis court, indoor heated pool and whirlpool. Sleep in a beautifully appointed guest room. Enjoy a restful sleep in the signature Heavenly Bed®, and an invigorating morning shower in the Heavenly Bath®.

Why not take a few minutes to enjoy 48 hours! For each nomination, you receive one entry for the Nov. draw. Two nominations, two entries, up to five total. Submit your nomination for either best accommodations, tour, travel destination, cruise, restaurant, or other travel-related service. See examples for helpful ideas: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indextravelforum.html> We need your nickname or real name, tip location, your email address marked public or private & your comments or tip. Send your nominations to: [whattravelwriterssay@cogeco.net](mailto:whattravelwriterssay@cogeco.net). Your email address will not be listed without permission.

## Featured Tips

Looking for cheap flights, accommodations, currency conversion, even local temperature or subway information? For the latest data, we supply 770 links to every conceivable travel related question that you might have. Bookmark this helpful site to assist you in future travel: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indextips.html>

This month's sample tip: <http://www.airfarewatchdog.com/> which tracks the cheapest airfares between cities and provides you with regular consumer alerts as to price change.

I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them.

Mark Twain



In addition to travel tips, our *What Travel Writers Say* website includes:

- Travel articles (458)
- Travel tips & links (770)
- Professional travel writers (90)
- Seniors' travel links (105)
- Current travel industry news (World-wide)
- Free newsletter sign up (25,134 members)
- Readers' Forum Travel Tips

## Life-long Learning

We learn from, and correspondingly teach others, as we travel through life. For those involved in education, our web site is a huge database containing lesson plans and an abundance of geographically related material readily adapted to the classroom or for family activities when travelling by car, boat, train or plane. If engaged in "Trivial Pursuit" contests, this is the place to go! **See actual lesson plans at:**

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipslessonplan.html>  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipslessonplan1.html>

**Find world venue-related material at:**

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/index.html>

**or the tips/links section which offers material related to travel at:**

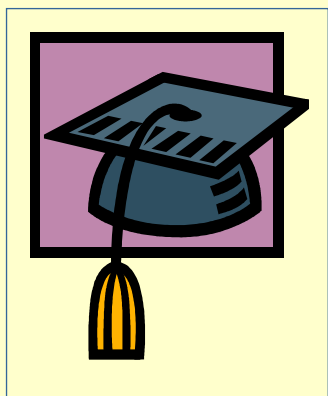
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**Need a laugh? Go to:**

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexseniorhumour.html>

**Want to translate text into one of 10 major languages? Go to:**

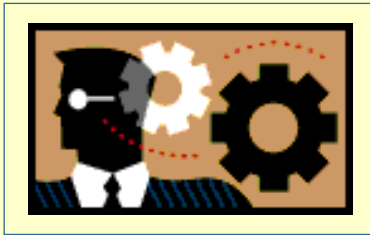
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## Website of the month: NASA Image of the day:

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iotd.html>

Stunning images from NASA including a comprehensive Image Gallery that archives previous daily selections. Related site: NASA Home Page: <http://www.nasa.gov/>



## Outward Bound: cont'd.

from the Atlantic Ocean, counter-clockwise - 100 billion tons of water - more than the outflow of all of the rivers in the world!" He pauses for the magnitude to sink in. "Fundy is 100 kilometres wide and 230 metres deep. It takes six hours and 13 minutes for full tide to arrive." This occurs twice a day, and there are tidal time charts to help plan your arrival. The Hopewell Rocks stretch is 6 kilometres long and 13 metres deep. Because Fundy is so constricted here (by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick), where's the water to go?" Paul rhetorically asks. Obviously upwards.

Peering at his iPad in situ is a dramatic learning experience. He displays contrasting 1899 and 2009 pictures of the same area, revealing the imposing change nature worked on the sandstone, a sculptor creating astonishing art, captured in the names of the formations - Rock, Mother-in-Law, E.T., Lover's Arch, Turtle Rock, The Bear, Diamond Rock, Apple Rock and Castle Rock to characterize a few. He displays his NB Provincial Medicare card with a watermark picture of Elephant Rock, whose trunk subsequently has succumbed to erosion and collapsed. We pass several cordoned off areas marked by yellow tape. "Our staff refer to these as 'nurseries,'" he explains, "from which new flower pots and stacks will emerge." We encounter several playful children who have attracted more than their fare share of mud on hands and legs and in-between.

A few interpretive guides behind us perform a "tide sweep," moving wayward tourists strung out along the beach back towards the exit stairs as water slowly rises. Again on iPad, we view kayakers who playfully meander over submerged and through and around visible rocks in their full-tide Fundy glory. Shawna Wallace, a student guide returning to Dalhousie University in Halifax, assures me that every day is different here. The tide is highest at new or full moon. She is amused by tourist guesses as to the land directly across the water. (Nova Scotia) "Some think it's Newfoundland or Gaspé," she quips.

Back in the Interpretive Centre, I learn native Mi'kmaq legends that help explain the mysteries of Fundy and I feel the life-like rubbery skin display of a Fundy Right Whale. It's an impressive display that whets one's appetite for the rocks below.

## Travel Fact of the day

700 million people worldwide, (16% of the world's population) would, given the chance, leave their own country and move permanently to another one. A country in Europe was the most popular choice among those polled (210 million), followed by America (165 million) and Canada (45 million).  
-The World Almanac 2010

More interesting travel facts are available at:  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexdidyouknow.html>



Walking on the ocean floor

In wildness is the preservation of the world.

Henry David Thoreau

## Industry News

For the latest travel industry news, visit: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexnews.html>

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### Dining

Try the following great restaurants:

**Billy's Seafood**, 51 Charlotte St., Saint John, 506-672-3474; **Rossmount Inn**, 4599 Route 127, St. Andrews, 506-529-3351, <http://www.rossmountinn.com/>; **Whale Cove Cottages**, 26 Whale Cove Cottage Rd., Grand Manan, 506-662-3181, <http://www.whalecovecottages.ca/>; **Shorecrest Lodge**, 100 Route 776, Grand Manan, 506-662-3216, <http://www.shorecrestlodge.com/>; **McLaughlin's Wharf Inn** 1863 Route 776, Grand Manan, 506-662-8760; **Cave View Family Restaurant** 82 Bay View Rd., St. Martins, 506-833-4698.

### Accommodations

**Fairmont Algonquin**, 184 Aldolphus St., St. Andrews, 506-529-8823, <http://www.fairmont.com/algonquin>; **Chateau Saint John**: <http://www.chateausaintjohn.ca/> 1-877-772-4040, Email: [chateau@chateausaintjohn.ca](mailto:chateau@chateausaintjohn.ca); **Compass Rose B&B**: 65 route 776, Grand Manan, 506-662-8570 <http://www.compassroseinn.com/>; **Delta Beausejour**, 750 Main St., Moncton, 506-854-4344 <http://www.deltahotels.com/en/hotels/new-brunswick/delta-beausejour/>

### Activities

Sea kayaking with **Adventure High**, 83 Route 776, Grand

Manan, 506-662-3563 <http://www.adventurehigh.com/> Kevin Sampson, President, (a terrific experience not to be missed);

**Ministers Island** <http://www.ministersisland.ca/> Canada's largest tidal island and summer home of legendary railroad baron, Sir William Van Horne;

**Kingsbrae Garden**, 220 King St., St. Andrews, 506-529-4875, beautiful with every kind of garden imaginable, <http://www.kingsbraegarden.com/>;

**Reversing Rapids Jet Boat Ride**, 100 Fallsview Ave., Saint John, 506-634-8987 <http://www.jetboatrides.com/> (a bumpy, watery, wonderful experience);

**Whale Watching Island Quest Marine** with Captain Chris, 205 Water St., Market Wharf, St. Andrews, 506-529-9885, <http://www.islandquestmarine.com/> (Wow! My first look at Finback, Minke, and Humpback whales, seals, porpoise, dolphins and blue fin tuna to name a few.)

**Fundy Trail Parkway** 229 Main St., St. Martins, 506-833-2019 <http://www.fundytrailparkway.com/>



Sea Kayaking

**Shediac Bay Cruises**, 60 Pointe-du-Chêne Wharf Rd., Pointe-du-Chêne, 506-532-2175 <http://www.lobstertales.ca/> A bilingual evening cruise with a detailed demo on how to properly cook & eat lobster a la the locals.

**Misc: Blacks Harbour**: <http://www.villageofblacksharbour.com/>

The **Pumphouse Brewery**, Moncton - enjoy one of their award-winning blueberry ales! <http://www.pumphousebrewery.ca/>

**Transportation: Greater Moncton International Airport** <http://www.gmia.ca/>

**The New7Wonders of Nature contest:** <http://www.new7wonders.com/en/>

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